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Serial No. 10/802,735

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Date: October 12, 2004

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Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment	42	minus highest number		
previously paid for	42	(at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims after amendment	4	minus highest number		
previously paid for	4	(at least 3) =	0 x \$ 88.00	\$ 0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$300.00 (ignore improper)				\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$430.00/2 months; \$980.00/3 months)				\$ 0.00
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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2004 holding the subject matter of claims 1-32 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 33-42, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-32 are readable) for further substantive examination. Applicant also elects Species 1 (the species of Figs. 1a-1h, claims 1-5, 9, 10 and 12-16) for further prosecution in the event no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant deems claim 1 to be generic to Species 1, 3, 4 and 5.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., *inter alia*, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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